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To permit the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Latino and the Smithsonian American Women’s History Museum to be located within the Reserve of the National Mall, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MALLIOTAKIS (for herself, Ms. CHU, Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, and Mr. CÁRDENAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To permit the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Latino and the Smithsonian American Women’s History Museum to be located within the Reserve of the National Mall, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Smithsonian History
5 of American Women and Latino Act” or the “SHAWL
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SITE OF SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE**
2 **AMERICAN LATINO.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZING SITE WITHIN RESERVE OF NA-
4 TIONAL MALL.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
6 provision of law or regulation, including section
7 8908(c) of title 40, United States Code, the Smith-
8 sonian National Museum of the American Latino
9 may be located within the Reserve (as defined in sec-
10 tion 8902(a) of title 40, United States Code).

11 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
12 201(g)(4) of division T of the Consolidated Appro-
13 priations Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C. 80u(g)(4)) is amend-
14 ed by striking “, except that” and all that follows
15 and inserting a period.

16 (b) USE OF SITE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF AN-
17 OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY.—Section 201(g)(2) of division
18 T of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (20
19 U.S.C. 80u(g)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

20 “(2) SITE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF AN-
21 OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY.—

22 “(A) NOTIFICATION TO OTHER AGENCY OR
23 ENTITY.—The Board of Regents shall not des-
24 ignate a site for the Museum that is under the
25 administrative jurisdiction of another Federal

1 agency or entity without first notifying the head
2 of the Federal agency or entity.

3 “(B) NOTIFICATION TO COMMITTEES.—

4 Once notified under subparagraph (A), the head
5 of the Federal agency or entity shall promptly
6 submit written notification to the Chair and
7 ranking minority members of the Committee on
8 Rules and Administration, the Committee on
9 Appropriations, and the Committee on Energy
10 and Natural Resources of the Senate, and the
11 Committee on House Administration, the Com-
12 mittee on Natural Resources, the Committee on
13 Transportation and Infrastructure, and the
14 Committee on Appropriations of the House of
15 Representatives, stating that the Federal agen-
16 cy or entity was notified by the Board of Re-
17 gents that a site under its jurisdiction was des-
18 ignated and that a transfer will be initiated as
19 soon as practicable.

20 “(C) TRANSFER.—As soon as practicable

21 after the date on which the individuals de-
22 scribed in subparagraph (B) receive the written
23 notification described in such subparagraph, the
24 head of the Federal agency or entity shall
25 transfer to the Smithsonian Institution its ad-

1 ministrative jurisdiction over the land or struc-
2 ture that has been designated as the site for the
3 Museum.”.

4 (c) ENSURING DIVERSITY OF POLITICAL VIEW-
5 POINTS AND AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES.—Section
6 201(d)(2)(D) of division T of the Consolidated Appropria-
7 tions Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C. 80u(d)(2)(D)) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 “(D) ENSURING DIVERSITY OF POLITICAL
10 VIEWPOINTS AND AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Board of
12 Trustees shall ensure that the exhibits and
13 programs of the Museum accurately and
14 comprehensively represent the varied cul-
15 tures, histories, events, and values of His-
16 panic or Latino communities.

17 “(ii) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.—In
18 carrying out its duties, the Board of Trust-
19 ees shall ensure that it seeks and utilizes
20 to its maximum ability guidance from a
21 broad array of knowledgeable and re-
22 spected sources reflecting the diversity of
23 the political viewpoints and authentic expe-
24 riences held by Hispanics or Latinos in the
25 United States, and shall seek such guid-

1 ance for both the creation and substantial
2 revision of exhibits and programs.

3 “(iii) DEFINITIONS.—In this subpara-
4 graph—

5 “(I) the term ‘broad array’
6 means a range of experts and publica-
7 tions that represent the broad spec-
8 trum of Hispanic or Latino commu-
9 nities, to include varied viewpoints,
10 political ideologies, cultures, and lived
11 experiences in the United States; and

12 “(II) the term ‘knowledgeable
13 and respected source’ means an indi-
14 vidual who has gained through edu-
15 cation, publication, or witnessing an
16 important or historical event, the abil-
17 ity to advise on at least one unique
18 viewpoint or experience of a particular
19 Hispanic or Latino community, and
20 whose knowledge has been relied upon
21 by a notable segment of that commu-
22 nity for education, heritage preserva-
23 tion, or historical purposes, and in-
24 cludes the work of such an individual

1 which reflects such ability and knowl-
2 edge.”.

3 (d) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 120
4 days after the date of enactment of this Act and every
5 2 years thereafter, the Secretary of the Smithsonian shall
6 submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the
7 House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and
8 Natural Resources of the Senate, the Committee on House
9 Administration of the House of Representatives, the Com-
10 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the
11 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
12 House of Representatives, the Committee on Appropria-
13 tions of the House of Representatives, and the Committee
14 on Appropriations of the Senate, a report on actions taken
15 by the Director of the Smithsonian National Museum of
16 the American Latino Museum and the Board of Trustees
17 of the Museum to comply with the requirements of the
18 amendments made by subsection (c), including a descrip-
19 tion of actions taken with respect to substantial revisions
20 of current exhibits and programs as well the planning of
21 future exhibits and programs.

22 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-
23 ments made by this section shall take effect as if included
24 in the enactment of section 201 of division T of the Con-
25 solidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C. 80u).

1 **SEC. 3. SITE OF SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S HIS-**
2 **TORY MUSEUM.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZING SITE WITHIN RESERVE OF NA-
4 TIONAL MALL.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
6 provision of law or regulation, including section
7 8908(c) of title 40, United States Code, the Smith-
8 sonian American Women's History Museum may be
9 located within the Reserve (as defined in section
10 8902(a) of title 40, United States Code).

11 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
12 107(d) of division T of the Consolidated Appropria-
13 tions Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C. 80t–5(d)) is amended by
14 striking “, except that” and all that follows and in-
15 serting a period.

16 (b) USE OF SITE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF AN-
17 OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY.—Section 107(b) of division T
18 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C.
19 80t–5(b)) is amended to read as follows:

20 “(b) SITE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ANOTHER
21 FEDERAL AGENCY.—

22 “(1) NOTIFICATION TO OTHER AGENCY OR EN-
23 TITY.—The Board of Regents shall not designate a
24 site for the Museum that is under the administrative
25 jurisdiction of another Federal agency or entity

1 without first notifying the head of the Federal agen-
2 cy or entity.

3 “(2) NOTIFICATION TO COMMITTEES.—Once
4 notified under paragraph (1), the head of the Fed-
5 eral agency or entity shall promptly submit written
6 notification to the Chair and ranking minority mem-
7 bers of the Committee on Rules and Administration,
8 the Committee on Appropriations, and the Com-
9 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-
10 ate, and the Committee on House Administration,
11 the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee
12 on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Com-
13 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
14 atives, stating that the Federal agency or entity was
15 notified by the Board of Regents that a site under
16 its jurisdiction was designated and that a transfer
17 will be initiated as soon as practicable.

18 “(3) TRANSFER.—As soon as practicable after
19 the date on which the individuals described in para-
20 graph (2) receive the written notification described
21 in such subparagraph, the head of the Federal agen-
22 cy or entity shall transfer to the Smithsonian Insti-
23 tution its administrative jurisdiction over the land or
24 structure that has been designated as the site for
25 the Museum.”.

1 (c) ENSURING DIVERSITY OF POLITICAL VIEW-
2 POINTS AND AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES.—Section
3 104(b)(4) of division T of the Consolidated Appropriations
4 Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C. 80t–2(b)(4) is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 “(4) ENSURING DIVERSITY OF POLITICAL VIEW-
7 POINTS AND AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall en-
9 sure that the exhibits and programs of the Mu-
10 seum accurately and comprehensively represent
11 the varied cultures, histories, events, and values
12 held by women in the United States.

13 “(B) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.—In car-
14 rying out its duties, the Council shall ensure
15 that it seeks and utilizes to its maximum ability
16 guidance from a broad array of knowledgeable
17 and respected sources reflecting the diversity of
18 the political viewpoints and authentic experi-
19 ences held by women in the United States, and
20 shall seek such guidance for both the creation
21 and substantial revision of exhibits and pro-
22 grams.

23 “(C) DEFINITIONS.—In this subpara-
24 graph—

1 “(i) the term ‘broad array’ means a
2 range of experts and publications that rep-
3 resent the broad spectrum of communities
4 of women, to include varied viewpoints, po-
5 litical ideologies, cultures, and lived experi-
6 ences in the United States; and

7 “(ii) the term ‘knowledgeable and re-
8 spected source’ means an individual who
9 has gained through education, publication,
10 or witnessing an important or historical
11 event, the ability to advise on at least one
12 unique viewpoint or experience of a par-
13 ticular community of women in the United
14 States, and whose knowledge has been re-
15 lied upon by a notable segment of that
16 community for education, heritage preser-
17 vation, or historical purposes, and includes
18 the work of such an individual which re-
19 flects such ability and knowledge.”.

20 (d) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 120
21 days after the date of enactment of this Act and every
22 2 years thereafter, the Secretary of the Smithsonian shall
23 submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the
24 House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and
25 Natural Resources of the Senate, the Committee on House

1 Administration of the House of Representatives, the Com-
2 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the
3 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
4 House of Representatives, the Committee on Appropria-
5 tions of the House of Representatives, and the Committee
6 on Appropriations of the Senate, a report on actions taken
7 by the Director of the Smithsonian American Women's
8 History Museum and the Council of the Museum to com-
9 ply with the requirements of the amendments made by
10 subsection (c), including a description of actions taken
11 with respect to substantial revisions of current exhibits
12 and programs as well the planning of future exhibits and
13 programs.

14 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-
15 ments made by this section shall take effect as if included
16 in the enactment of title I of division T of the Consolidated
17 Appropriations Act, 2021 (20 U.S.C. 80t et seq.).

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